

# **BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS**

## **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**AUGUST 5, 2008**

**The following is a summary of the August 5, 2008 Meeting:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr. and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman**
- III. Motions made and seconded to accept August 5, 2008 meeting agenda and approve July 1, 2008 meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- IV. Traditional Case In Open Session Presented by DM Supervisor John Thomas**

After presentation of the allegations by Mr. Thomas and statement by Michael Hill, the Board unanimously voted to revoke the surface foreman certification of the individual.

**V. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)**

Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.

**VI. Open Agenda**

There were no items for discussion in open session.

**VII. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be September 2, 2008

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM